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The following is a paraphrased translation of a secret circular signed by Luiz Carlos Prestes, dated 22 July 1945, and distributed to Communists in Porto Alegre by Tito Paraguassu. The Communists should:

- Give great emphasis to the petroleum problem.
- Continue their struggle in the syndicates and factories in order to create an early showdown with the present government of treason and imperialism.
- 3. Continue with the struggle of organizing the poor farm elements against the dairy proprietors and other exploiters in order to obtain a division of the land throughout the entire country.
- Take the opportunity to infiltrate into the Comites do Petroleo that have been formed and are being formed. Once penetrated, these organizations can be used as a cover for "democratic action."
- 5. Organize meetings in factories and among other worker elements for the purpose of making clear the Communist stand on the petroleum question.
- 6. Support the candidacy of Horta Barbosa for Presidency in 1951.
- Involve in the struggle for petroleum all outstanding democratic, anti-fascist, and anti-imperialist elements, with particular emphasis on officers and sergeants of the armed forces.
- 3. React with force against police intervention.
- 9. Always maintain contact with the Communist forces in Uruguay, Argentina, etc., in order to unmask the war-making element in Argentina so that that latter country will be involved in a civil war.

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